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This is in response to the Official Action mailed December 13, 2002. TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Applicant is amending the above-identified application and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the grounds of rejection.

A Response Transmittal Sheet, a Fee Transmittal Sheet, a Petition and Fee for a Two Month Extension of Time to Respond, an Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, and a Business Reply Postcard are also enclosed.